ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: Before we proceed to the next item in the agenda, I have again, for the third time, to bring to the notice of the House the fact that, this morning, I have received notice of another motion for the adjournment of the House. The motion reads thus:

> ".....to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, that owing to the recent drought, the Pachipara Reservoir failed to supply water and so to guard against future failure at least immediate steps should be taken to supplement the Reservoir as proposed by Horseley."

As the Honourable members are aware, this question of drought, its extent, its reasons and its consequences, and the various measures which the Honourable members consider necessary to be adopted to overcome the present critical situation, were all thoroughly discussed, completely and exhaustively, yesterday, on a similar adjournment motion on the floor of this House. It will therefore serve no useful purpose if I should allow the same discussion again and thereby occupy, perhaps, unnecessarily, the time of the House. The Pachipara Dam, the consequences to the ryots in Nanjinad as a result of its failure and the measures that could be adopted to give relief to those people, were all discussed yesterday here. Therefore, I think, this adjournment motion will be absolutely redundant. I rule it out of order.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE COMPANIES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I rise to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Travancore Companies Regulation Amendment Bill, and beg to move that the Bill, as reported, be taken into consideration.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I second it.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

Clause 1.

The question that clause 1 do form part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

The clause was added to the Bill.

Clause 2.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Sir, I beg to move the following amendment:

> "Add the words '*not being a private company*' after 'company' and before 'required' in line 1 of the proposed section 141 A (1)."

The House will remember that, when the Bill was introduced it contained the expression "not being a private company" after "company" and before "required". I dare say that the expression was deliberately introduced there with the idea of excluding private companies from the operations of the Bill. The exclusion of private companies was a principle of the Bill. The Select Committee has omitted these words, and they justify it by saying that, in the Bill as they have revised, they do not insist on the production of all the documents in the possession of companies before the Inspecting Officer for

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